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These columns have made no mention of the retirement of Rev. C. E. St. John from the office of secretary of the A. U. A. because they have been awaiting the election of his successor. Now that Rev. Lewis G. Wilson has been elected to serve out Mr. St. John's unexpired term an expression of appreciation is in order. Though the Western Conference has no organic connection with the A. U. A., it works in connection with it in all denominational matters. Mr. St. John has been a frequent and welcome visitor to our conferences and churches. We all appreciated his sincerity and courage, but above all the enthusiasm for our cause that ever brought the flashlight of his spirit to play over the outstanding points of his character. The distinguishing mark of his work was an undaunted optimism that arose from his belief in the conquering power of our gospel. This was of immense value in stirring our forces into action through the courage imparted. We all wish him that which he most craves—strength to do further work for our cause. His successor is well-known through the West because of his frequent visits as a Billings lecturer. We have all experienced the pleasure that his calm, friendly personality gives, and we hope that he may as A. U. A. secretary long give to our churches the impulse to the deeper life that he communicated when a Billings lecturer.

This is the first issue of THE NEWS LETTER since the gathering of the Fourth International Council at Boston. While this great meeting has been noted at length by the press of the entire country, it is perhaps as well that the readers of this paper should get its editorial point of view. The first thing that impressed one was the numbers that were in attendance. Europe was well represented; New England was, necessarily, much in evidence; Boston, ever alive to a new cult or doctrine, thronged the various places of assembly; but the West outdid them all in interest and attention when the difficulties in its way are considered. The liberal people who met here from all over the world scarcely realized before that there were so many of their kind. It was worth all of the cost in time and money to make the world realize that the liberal movement in religion is so widespread and of such great interest to so many. Those who are on the skirmish line in the advance of religious thought need to keep up their courage by the knowledge that on either side of them are spread out their comrades. This meeting gave the needed knowledge. A feature of the gathering that not everyone realized was that it was distinctively Christian. If this needed emphasis, it was given by the badges which had crosses upon them. Jews and many Christians could not wear a badge with this symbol of the historic doctrines of Christendom upon it. The writer does not think that it was a mistake to limit the Council in its spirit to Christianity, because he believes that the great religions of the world have carried with them forces of evolution that are individual, and that while it may be of use to borrow from each other, the cause of none would be served by merging in any degree. The need of each race is to develop its best racial characteristics, and equally is it the need of a religion to have its distinguishing ideals developed toward a perfect expression in its devotees. There is, it is true, a land of the emancipated where the worth of all religions is recognized, but to the dweller of that land the restrictions of none are regarded. These may possibly call themselves by historic names, but they have risen to the top stratum of their religious development where signs and symbols mean nothing, but the spirit of reverent research and human helpfulness everything. But those who formed this Congress were manifestly not all on this plane, hence the necessity for making much of historic Christianity and promoting the growth of religious liberty along Christian lines. Any one of the smaller gatherings that are distinctly Unitarian could afford addresses which would show a wider vision and more prophetic view than did those given at Boston, but the value there was the world-wide view the Congress gave of progress in religious thinking and living. It was a notable and inspiring occasion, a credit to those who managed it and a much needed spectacle of mutual appreciation and good will.

THE NEW KNOWLEDGE.

In our religious speech and writings, nothing is more commonplace than the reference to the

new universe which the science of last century gave us and how it has changed all our conceptions. Doubtless we grow weary of the recital of the changes and the attempts to establish them in the popular thought. As some men said to a minister they contemplated engaging, "We know all those things; have you any life conclusions based on them?" But physical science has not said its last word to us. Orthodoxy has no more place in science than in theology; the little systems of knowledge have their day and cease to be; and out of each system rises another, not as a revolution, but as an evolution. Each new system takes the facts of the preceding one, and accounting for all its inconsistencies, covers a larger area of knowledge; and so we move, in widening circles toward the far-off determination of the universe into one system.

The universe is being widened for us as it was for our immediate predecessors; the circle has been widened perceptibly within a few years. As a matter of fact, there is always a "new science"; —a "new physics," a "new chemistry," a "new astronomy,"—and so a "new knowledge." A new body of "facts" gives rise to new interpretations, and while the theories pass, the "facts" remain, always useful, independent of any theory connecting them. We have such a body of "facts," with their many implications, which have been brought to light by the discovery of radio-activity. What the spectroscope, capable of detecting easily the millionth part of a milligram of matter, did for us yesterday in the way of revealing the existence of elements occurring in quantities too small to be detected by any other means, the electroscope, which is a million times more sensitive than the spectroscope, is doing for us today. Additional elements have been detected and isolated; and knowledge of them has added immensely to the understanding of all the others. It is clear that, for one thing, the elements are transmutable; and though we are unable to perform this feat as yet, men like Sir William Ramsey believe we are on the brink of accomplishing it; and for another thing, that we are living on the fringe of vast stores of inter-elemental energy, which is ours for the acquiring—a store so great that every breath we draw has within it sufficient power to drive the work shops of the world.

The knowledge of radio-activity has changed our whole conception of cosmical processes. The universe is being constructed anew for us. Set over against the old idea that it is running down its energy into uselessness and so tending to gradual death, we may look for the conclusion that it is immortal or eternal both in the future and in the past. If the old conception is true, it is necessary to say, "God made it and started it on its course at some definite time"; but if the universe is building up its energy on the one hand while it dissipates it on the other, then we must say, "The Universe is God." This is not proved, of course, but its proof is certainly a legitimate aspiration of science; and the new knowledge, if it has not demonstrated the infinity of the universe, past and future, has beyond all question enormously increased its boundary of time, and our thinking must be adjusted accordingly.

What science moves toward so slowly in the way of demonstration, has often before been presupposed by our prophets in the enunciation of great principles. A case in point would be that of evolution, suggested often and finally worked out from the intuitive side by Emerson years before Darwin's demonstration. Much of the thinking in our religious circles is based on the presupposition that "All is Mind"; and we have of late years, often been reminded that this is the trend of science. But take this new definition of matter: "Any mass of matter is **x** molecules, a molecule is **y** atoms, an atom is **z** corpuscles surrounded by positive electricity, and a corpuscle comprises a unit of negative electricity." Matter then, is electricity, nothing but electricity—energy—life—mind —spirit; a mode of manifestation. The bearing of this upon our conception of the relation of mind and matter may not be entirely evident; but it is evident that the crude attempts in some circles to bring all into "mind" may not be so far wrong as we sometimes suspect.

The efforts of men to "find God" represent their attempts to discover outside themselves, in the nature of universe, the justification of their own higher nature. A new universe always means a new God. Radio-activity clears a longer stretch of time than evolution, and its implications will keep our mind fresh for many a year. To those already inclined to believe that "God" is the universal life, and that we "know God" as we know the universe, the significance of the new knowledge is immense; the science and the God of yesterday are history, and they would no more think of living in them than in the conceptions of a thousand years ago. We can not afford to be other than open eyed toward science; for we must look to it for that which enlarges and enlightens.

KERBY S. MILLER.

Duluth, Minn.

Note.—Since the above was written the announcement has been made that Sir Wm. Ramsey has succeeded in transmuting copper into lithium.

K. S. M.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Colorado Springs.—Rev. W. S. Nichols, of Pueblo, has been asked to undertake the work of this church in connection with Pueblo. This necessitates preaching twice on Sunday, with a long railroad journey between services. Many of our Western churches find it necessary to be served this way. Obviously, it makes the work of the minister very hard, but it enables the high word of our gospel to be proclaimed in more places.

Hobart, Ind.—This society is at last to have a settled minister. For a number of years it has depended upon supplies from Chicago. Rev. John Visher has been called to its pulpit. Mr. Visher has not been in the ministry for a number of years, having been engaged in philanthropic work. He is a graduate of the Harvard Divinity School, and was for a time minister of one of our churches.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Rev. C. P. Wellman, formerly assistant to Dr. Wright at Montpelier, Vt., has been called to the pulpit of this church and is already at the work of his ministry. Mr. Wellman is a Meadville graduate. This is his first settlement in the West. We are glad to welcome him to our ranks.

Manistee, Mich.—Rev. M. S. Buckingham has resigned from the missionary work that he has been doing for the Michigan Conference. He has left the ministry for a business career.

Moline, Ill.—This pulpit is being supplied for the present by Rev. R. E. Ramsay, of Davenport, Iowa.

Onsted, Mich.—Rev. Miss Moore, of the Tecumseh Universalist Church, is supplying the pulpit of this church. The small number of faithful ones are striving hard to bring the benefits of their church life to the community.

Wichita, Kas.—Our society in this city has been made sad by the death of its beloved minister, Rev. W. S. Vail. He was in usual health and most excellent spirits this fall. He was proposing to add to his work a missionary point. Sunday morning, October 13, he was taken violently ill, and before night he was dead. Mr. Vail had seen long service as a liberal minister. He was in his early life in the Universalist ministry. He served, as minister, our churches in Wichita, Atlanta, Sioux City, and a second pastorate in Wichita. Mr. Vail was a very able preacher. His success in the ministry was due to this, together with his capacity for friendship. His brethren in the ministry lose a good comrade and his church a faithful minister and friend. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and children in their bereavement.

Chicago.—The Chicago "postscript" of the International Council was carried out according to program. Dr. Hunter preached Sunday morning at All Souls Church, Professor Montet at Dr. White's church in Englewood, and Rev. V. D. Davis at Unity church. In the evening a platform meeting was held at Lincoln Center. Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones presided. Addresses were made by the delegates from abroad and by Rev. F. V. Hawley and Rev. Mr. Allais, both of Chicago. Through the efforts of Rev. C. A. Osborne the visit of the distinguished guests to Chicago was made an opportunity for them to see much of interest in the city. Aside from automobile rides about the city they were entertained by Chicago University and given a ministers' luncheon by the Outlook Club.

Monroe, Wis.—Sunday, October 20, this society held a meeting, at which, by a unanimous and enthusiastic vote, Rev. J. H. Palmer was asked to continue as minister for another year. On account of ill health Mr. Palmer resigned his pulpit in July, but a return of strength gave joy to his people, because it meant that he could continue his good work among them.

Chicago, First Church.—Rev. W. H. Pulsford gave a lecture Friday evening, October 25, at the Chapel, on Scotch life in the days before the change brought about by the railroads. It was a delightful lecture, and fitly inaugurated the series of lectures and socials to be held this year.

Field Notes.—October has been devoted by the secretary to the round of conferences which are elsewhere reported. Saturday, October 5, he visited Duluth, where it was his good fortune to meet the members of our society in a social way at the close of an address that he delivered. Sunday morning he started for Fargo, where he preached Sunday evening. Our church at this point is not open, but many of its members are interested in a series of Sunday evening lectures upon religious and ethical subjects that are being given practically by our people. Sunday, Oct. 13, was spent with Mr. Power's congregation at Sioux City, where the secretary preached both morning and evening. Sunday, Oct. 20, was used to visit the Pleasant Hill Society at Serena. Friday, Oct. 24, he was a guest at the Annual Meeting of the Geneva Church, and delivered an address upon "The International Council." Sunday, Oct. 27, he preached at Milwaukee, Wis. Tuesday, Oct. 29, he addressed an evening meeting of the Third Church, Chicago, upon "The International Council."

ALLIANCE NOTES.

Kansas City.—This society has issued a most handsome program of the year's work. The general subject for study is "Woman." The various phases of the life of woman are taken by those best fitted to give studies on these lines. The promise for the year is very great.

St. Louis, Eliot Alliance.—Rev. J. W. Day gave an interesting address before the Alliance, at its opening meeting, upon the International Congress. He is to give a series of six lectures before the Alliance upon the teachings of Jesus as related to the thought of his time.

Chicago Associate Alliance.—The first meeting was held Thursday, Oct. 3, with the Evanston Branch. A report was given of the philanthropic work of note done by the various bodies who undertake such work. The paper of the day was given by Mrs. E. A. Beebe, on "Co-operation." After the discussion which followed the giving of this most excellent and suggestive paper, the meeting resolved itself into a picnic party and enjoyed the box luncheon and social hour that followed.

THE STATE CONFERENCES.

Michigan.—Ann Arbor was the place of meeting this year. The meetings were unusual because of the presence of three of the foreign delegates to the International Council, Rev. John Hunter, D. D.; Prof. E. Montet; and Rev. V. D. Davis, also from the presence of a large number of Universalist ministers and several from the Congregational body. The meetings were well attended and every address given was worthy of the close attention given it and the applause with which it was received. As usual, there was so great an abundance of fine things that it is not possible, in our limited space, to make even the barest mention of them. Rev. A. M. Lord represented the Sunday School Society, and, the new secretary, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, the A. U. A. The hospitality of the Ann Arbor Church was all that could be desired. The officers elected were: President, Mr. C. S. Udell; secretary, Hon. A. C. Kingman; treasurer, Mrs. B. A. Finney; for member of business committee, Rev. J. P. McCarthy.

Minnesota.—This conference met at Minneapolis, Oct. 7-8. All of the ministers in the state were present, also Rev. L. G. Wilson, secretary of the A. U. A., and Rev. W. M. Backus, secretary of the Western Conference. The session was opened with an evening meeting, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. R. W. Boynton and Rev. L. G. Wilson. Tuesday morning a business session was held, at which time reports were given from the various churches. Rev. Rett E. Olmstead, missionary for Minnesota, gave a report of his work. Rev. A. Norman then gave an address on "What the Sunday School Ought to Do." At noon the ladies of the Minneapolis church served lunch to the delegates. In the afternoon two papers were given. "The Religion for Which People are Asking—Is It Unitarianism?" by Rev. Kerby Miller, and "How Can the Church Best Serve Society?" by Rev. H. A. Sather. The secretary of the Western Conference gave an address upon "The General Outlook." In the evening, under the general title, "The Positive Side of Free Religion," Rev. E. S. Hodgin spoke upon "Loyalty to Truth"; Rev. H. B. Taylor, "The Cultivation of Character"; Rev. B. A. Hills, "The Bettering of Society"; and Rev. Manfred Lilliefors on "The Inspiring of Human Life." This closed what was an elevated and ennobling communion of the kindred souls who labor in isolation and opposition for the cause of liberal religion. The officers elected were: President, Hon. Ole Jorgenson; secretary, Rev. R. W. Boynton; treasurer, Miss Charlotte Clarke.

Iowa.—The Sioux City church entertained the thirtieth meeting of this conference. The usual amount of good addresses and necessary business were intermixed at this gathering. The unique feature of the Conference was the evening platform meeting, at which a Congregationalist, Rev. Roscoe Douglas, of Dunlap, Iowa; Rev. Ralph Smith, Episcopalian, Sioux City; and Rev. Eugene Mannheimer, Jew, Des Moines, discussed "The New Theology," each from his own point of view. The Conference closed with a banquet given by the ladies of the church. It was largely attended and brought the meeting to a close amidst good fellowship and bright anticipations for another year of successful work. The officers elected were: President, Rev. R. E. Ramsay; secretary, Rev. Eleanor E. Gordon; treasurer, Mr. Griffith. As at all of the state conferences, the noon hours were made most pleasant by the lunches served in the church and the bountiful and beautiful hospitality of the homes of our people was most charming.

Missouri Valley.—Lincoln entertained this Conference. Owing to the absence of Mr. Frank H. Foster, its president, Mr. P. F. Clark, vice-president, presided. All of the ministers of its territory were present, as were the secretaries representing the A. U. A., the National Alliance, and the Western Conference. An unusual feature of this Conference is that it holds its last meeting at noon, when at the luncheon, served by the church ladies, chosen speakers sum up the work of the session and encourage each other for the work of the Conference year. This session was marred by the news that came of the death of Rev. W. S. Vail, of Wichita. Bro. Marsh and his people gave so warm a welcome to the Conference that every one wished it were not time to go when the parting hour came. The reports from the churches were a feature of this Conference. They are uniformly in good condition and the work progressing favorably.

Bloomington.—The Illinois Conference held its thirty-third annual session here Oct. 16-18. All who were present voted it one of the best conferences ever held by this body. The attendance was large, but

the preparations made by Mr. Mueller and his people, despite two other conferences held in the city at the same time, not alone provided for the comfort of the visitors, but helped make the fine spirit of the meeting. This Conference provided for an Alliance meeting. Mrs. E. A. Delano presided and addresses were made by Mrs. Robert H. Davis, of New York, and Mrs. C. V. Mersereau, of St. Louis. The result of this meeting was the promise of the formation of a branch at Bloomington. The Conference closed with a reception tendered the delegates by the ladies of the church. The friendliness shown on this occasion was felt to be a fitting close for a conference that had brought such a high tide of confidence and enthusiasm to those in attendance. The officers elected were: President, Rev. Fred V. Hawley; secretary, Rev. J. H. Mueller; treasurer, Mr. Geo. L. Parker; member of Business Committee of W. U. C., Rev. G. R. Gebauer.

"THE SOUL OF THE BIBLE."

Under this title the Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, of Washington, D. C., has compiled a book of selections from the Old and the New Testaments and the Apocrypha, arranged as synthetic readings. As is stated in the preface, the aim has been to have each reading a literary unit, dealing with but one subject, and enforcing a definite religious lesson. To complete the treatment of the subject, or to carry the line of thought to a definite conclusion, passages from different parts of the Bible are brought together in one reading; and thus the sayings of a number of writers, belonging to various times, are combined for the elucidation of a particular topic, or the teaching of a single lesson. As Dr. Edward E. Hale says, in a commendatory introduction, the mission of such a book is perhaps more apparent to a minister than to most men and women; the preparation for the reading of Scripture in the service every Sunday being one of the most important functions which come upon a preacher, who knows that in the selection of passages for reading it is not enough to choose a few verses separated from the rest of the Bible, but that he must try, as Mr. Pierce has done so effectively in this volume, to bring together in a natural way parts of the Bible that explain and supplement one another. Ministers often spend hours on the selection of a Bible reading; and sometimes, after all, do not think the results entirely satisfactory. Mr. Pierce's methods of selection and combination may be sufficiently ascertained by the examination of two of his readings, the first at page 24, and the second at page 350. The first is composed of 22 lines from Numbers xx, four from Isaiah xlviii, seven from 1 Corinthians x, three from John vii, and one line from John iv. The second consists of 16 lines from Luke xx, 22 from Romans xiii, three from Romans xii, and two from I Thessalonians ii. Looking at these names and figures, it might be doubted if passages so widely separated in the Bible could be so united as to form a coherent and effective whole; yet the fact is that each of the readings is a presentation of orderly beauty and natural unity. In the making of his selections Mr. Pierce does not limit himself to the text of any of the three versions of the Bible in English that are in common use. He takes in turn from the Authorized Version, the English Revised Version, and the American Standard Version, choosing the words which seem best to convey the meaning. In the first sentence of Genesis he prefers the A. S. V. "heavens" to the A. V. and E. R. V. "heaven," while in the next sentence he prefers the A. V. "without form" to the E. R. V. and A. S. V. "waste." The quotation from Luke xx may be called either the E. R. V. with two words changed, or the A. S. V. with three words changed; while at the end of the same reading, in the passage from I Thessalonians ii, the A. V. "called" is chosen in preference to the E. R. V. and A. S. V. "calleth." In the extract from Numbers xx, part is A. V. and part E. R. V.; and it is noticeable that in this and all the readings Mr. Pierce rejects the linguistic monstrosity "Jehovah" as used in the A. S. V., and retains "the Lord" as in the A. V. and E. R. V. He also follows the English spelling of these two versions, as in "labour," "favour" and "honour." It would be too much to expect a work of such complexity and difficulty to be absolutely free from error. Looking at Numbers xx, 6, in the Bible, we learn that "Moses and Aaron * * * fell upon their faces"; but somehow, in Mr. Pierce's book, the words "and Aaron" have been omitted, the consequence being the surprising statement that "Moses * * * fell upon their faces." While Mr. Pierce purposely and avowedly omits whatever would offend the moral sense, he does not wholly exclude the miraculous or incredible; for to do this would be to take away much that is characteristic of the Bible. He reproduces even Paul's expression of belief in the itinerant water supply of the Israelites in the desert—the rabbinic legend of the smitten rock following them during their wanderings. On the whole, this book of composite Bible readings is a work of great merit, as well as of great labour. Mr. Pierce shows a perfect knowledge of the Bible, a just sense of both religious and literary values, and a fine discrimination in matters textual and verbal. In each of his readings he brings scattered rays of light to a focus, so that collectively they have increase of illuminating power. Any one who does not know the Bible thoroughly has but to read these selections, and then he certainly will know it much better than he did. The book contains over 500 pages. It is published by the American Unitarian Association, and sold at $1.25.

A. Irvine Innes.

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers:

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. George R. Gebauer, Third and Alby Sts.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Av

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 755 Genesee Ave

Colorado Springs, Col.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Col.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Av. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Kerby S. Miller.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A.M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, 41 Page St.

Greeley, Col.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. Merritt S. Buckingham, Manistee.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Ia.—All Souls Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 1125 Quinlow Blvd

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph D., 704 Grand Ave.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelth and H. Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, 1210 D. St.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Merritt S. Buckingham, 543 Third St.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St. and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann. P. O. Box 63.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—*People's* Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Mary L. Leggett.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Unity Church, Ninth St., between Edmond and Felix Sts. Hour service, 8 P. M.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Boyle Ave. and Olive St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. Richard W. Boynton, 414 Ashland Ave.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

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